

a viewing panel extending along and defining only a portion of each of the first and the second displays to display one item of each of the first [group] plurality of items of electronic information and the second [group] plurality of items of electronic information for viewing within the viewing panel; and

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an indicator operative for moving only along the viewing panel to provide an indication of the selection of one of the items displayed by the viewing panel when the indicator is moved to a position proximate to one of the first display or the second display.

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41. (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~40~~, wherein the viewing panel is highlighted to emphasize each item of the first and second plurality of items of electronic information framed by the viewing panel.

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*43.* (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~40~~, wherein  
the first display is operative for scrolling the first [group] plurality of items of electronic information so that different items of the first [group] plurality of items of electronic information may be displayed by the viewing panel; [and

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the indicator is positionable along the viewing panel to provide an indication of the selection of an item of the first group that is displayed by the viewing panel, and while the indicator is positioned to provide an indication of the selection of an item of the first group, the indicator is responsive to the positioning of the first group relative to the viewing panel to provide an indication of each direction the first group may be scrolled;]

the indicator is responsive to its placement along the viewing panel and proximate to the first display to provide an indication of each direction that the first [group] plurality of items of electronic information is scrollable within the first display; and

the indicator is further responsive to its placement along the viewing panel and proximate to the second display to provide an indication of each direction that the second plurality of items of electronic information is scrollable within the second display.

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*41.* (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~40~~, wherein  
the first display is operative for scrolling the first [group] plurality of items of electronic information so that different items of the first [group] plurality of items of electronic information may be displayed by the viewing panel; and

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the focus indicator is positionable along the viewing panel to provide an indication of the selection of an item of the first [group] plurality of items of electronic information that is displayed by the viewing panel, and while the focus indicator is positioned to provide an indication

of the selection of an item of the first [group] plurality of items of electronic information, the navigation indicator is responsive to the positioning of the first [group] plurality of items of electronic information relative to the viewing panel to provide an indication of each direction that the first group may be scrolled.

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48. (Once Amended) A method for retrieving and displaying electronic information comprising category items and information items, the category items presented within a category display and the information items presented within an information display, comprising the steps of:

scrolling [a] the category display [which comprises the category items,] until a first category item appears within a viewing panel extending in a fixed position along and defining only a portion of the category display and only a portion of the information display, the category display being scrollable when an indicator movable along the viewing panel is positioned proximate to the category display;

moving the indicator along the viewing panel from the category display to a position on the viewing panel proximate to the information display;

scrolling [an] the information display that corresponds to the first category, wherein the information display comprises a selection of the information items and the information display is scrolled until a first information item appears within the viewing panel, the information display being scrollable when the indicator is positioned proximate to the information display,

wherein [the viewing panel extends along and defines a portion of the category display and the information display to displays one each of] the first category item[s] and the first information item[s] are presented within the viewing panel.

*1951* 1951. (Once Amended) The method recited in Claim 48, wherein the indicator comprises a focus frame, and further comprising[:] the step of moving [a] the focus frame along the viewing panel to the category display, wherein the focus frame is operative to supply an indication of user control of the category display when the focus frame is positioned along the category display; and wherein the step of scrolling the category display comprises scrolling in a selected vertical direction the category items until the first category item appears within the viewing panel.

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53. (Once Amended) A system for displaying items of electronic information,

~~a category display for displaying [an array] a plurality of category tiles representing categories of the items of electronic information in response to scrolling the category tiles;~~

~~an information display for displaying [an array] a plurality of information tiles representing the items of electronic information in response to scrolling the information tiles, wherein each of the items of electronic information is associated with at least one of the categories[, and the information display is located adjacent to the category display]; and~~

~~a viewing panel extending along only a portion of each of the category display and the information display for displaying one each of the category tiles and information tiles[,]; and~~

~~an indicator, movable only along the viewing panel, operative to provide an indication of the selection of one of the category tiles displayed within the viewing panel when the indicator is positioned proximate to the category display, the indicator further operative to provide an indication of the selection of one of the information tiles when the indicator is positioned proximate to the information display,~~

~~wherein the information display, responsive to one of the category tiles representing a selected category appearing within the viewing panel, displays at least one of the [program] information tiles representing an available one of the items of electronic information associated with the selected category.~~

~~wherein the category display is scrollable when the indicator is positioned proximate to the category display and the information display is scrollable when the indicator is moved from a position proximate to the category display to a position proximate to the information display.~~

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~~59. (New) A method for retrieving and displaying electronic information comprising category items and information items, the category items presented within a category display and the information items presented within an information display, comprising the steps of:~~

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~~scrolling the category display until a first category item appears within a viewing panel extending in a fixed position along and defining only a portion of the category display and only a portion of the information display, the category display being scrollable only while an indicator movable along the viewing panel is positioned proximate to the category display;~~

~~moving the indicator along the viewing panel from a position proximate to the category display to a position proximate to the information display;~~

scrolling the information display until a first information item appears within the viewing panel while the indicator is positioned proximate to the information display, the first information item corresponding to the category for the first category item,

wherein the viewing panel displays the first category item and the first information item and the indicator provides an indication of each direction that the category display is scrollable when the indicator is positioned proximate to the category display and an indication of each direction that the information display is scrollable when the indicator is positioned proximate to the information display.

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31 60. (New) The method of Claim 39, wherein the indicator further supplies a visual indication of at least one direction that the indicator can be moved along the viewing panel.

32 61. (New) The method of Claim 59, wherein the indicator comprises:  
a focus indicator operative to provide an indication of the selection of the first category item when the focus indicator is positioned proximate to the category display and to provide an indication of the selection of the first information item when the focus frame is positioned proximate to the information display; and

a navigation indicator, movable with the focus indicator, for providing an indication of each direction that the focus indicator may be moved along the viewing panel based on the position of the focus indicator on the viewing panel.

13 62. (New) The system of Claim 40, wherein the electronic information items of the first display and the second display are scrollable independent of each other.

14 63. (New) The system of Claim 40, wherein the viewing panel extends in a fixed position across only the portion of the first display and the second display.

15 64. (New) The system of Claim 40, wherein the indicator provides an indication of each direction that the first display is scrollable when the indicator is positioned proximate to the first display and an indication of each direction that the second display is scrollable when the indicator is positioned proximate to the second display.

21 65. (New) The method of Claim 48, wherein the indicator provides an indication of each direction that the category display is scrollable when the indicator is positioned

proximate to the category display and an indication of each direction that the information display is scrollable when the indicator is positioned proximate to the information display.

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66. (New) The system of Claim *53*, wherein the category display and the information display are scrollable independent of each other.

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67. (New) The system of Claim *53*, wherein the indicator provides an indication of each direction that the category display is scrollable when the indicator is positioned proximate to the category display and an indication of each direction that the information display is scrollable when the indicator is positioned proximate to the information display.

### RECORD OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

The Applicant and Applicant's attorney wish to thank the Examiner for his helpful suggestions and courtesy during the telephonic interview with the undersigned attorney on December 21, 1998. The undersigned attorney contacted the Examiner to discuss patentable distinctions of the invention of independent Claim 40 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,589,892 to Knee et al. No final decision, however, was reached by the parties regarding the patentability of Claim 40 in view of this primary cited reference.

During the interview, Applicant's counsel requested that the Examiner confirm counsel's understanding of the remarks of the pending Official Action, namely that claims 36-39, 45-47 and 50-52 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the prior art of record. Based on the assumption that the Applicant would submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, the Examiner confirmed that claims 36-39, 45-47, and 50-52 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record.

Prior to the interview, the Examiner had performed a supplemental search and disclosed an additional patent, specifically Marshall, et, al., U.S. Patent No. 5,828,420, to Applicant's counsel at the conclusion of the interview. Applicant's counsel and the Examiner briefly discussed the Marshall patent in view of the scope of the invention defined by Claim 40, but reached no decision affecting the scope of the present claim set. To formally add the Marshall patent to the record of cited art, Applicant is submitting herewith an information disclosure statement and Form PTO-1449 disclosing this patent.

The following discussion is intended to constitute a complete and proper recordation of such interview in accordance with M.P.E.P. 713.04. If for any reason the foregoing record is not considered complete or accurate, the Examiner is respectfully requested to bring any inaccuracies or incompleteness to the attention of the undersigned attorney.